

6. Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs¹

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Status on October 15, 2003

State	Date on which State became party to the Agreement	Date on which State became party to the London Act	Date on which State became party to the Hague Act ²	Date on which State became party to the Complementary Act of Stockholm	Date on which State became party to the Geneva Act
Belgium ^{5,6}	April 1, 1979	—	August 1, 1984	May 28, 1979	—
Belize	July 12, 2003	—	July 12, 2003	July 12, 2003	—
Benin	November 2, 1986	November 2, 1986	November 2, 1986	January 2, 1987	—
Bulgaria	December 11, 1996	—	December 11, 1996	December 11, 1996	—
Côte d'Ivoire	May 30, 1993	May 30, 1993	May 30, 1993	May 30, 1993	—
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	May 27, 1992	—	May 27, 1992	May 27, 1992	—
Egypt	July 1, 1952	July 1, 1952	—	—	—
Estonia	December 23, 2003	—	—	—	December 23, 2003
France ⁷	October 20, 1930	June 25, 1939	August 1, 1984	September 27, 1975	—
Gabon	August 18, 2003	—	August 18, 2003	August 18, 2003	—
Georgia	August 1, 2003	—	August 1, 2003	August 1, 2003	December 23, 2003
Germany	June 1, 1928	June 13, 1939	August 1, 1984	September 27, 1975	—
Greece	April 18, 1997	—	April 18, 1997	April 18, 1997	—
Holy See	September 29, 1960	September 29, 1960	—	—	—
Hungary ⁸	April 7, 1984	April 7, 1984	August 1, 1984	April 7, 1984	—
Iceland	December 23, 2003	—	—	—	December 23, 2003
Indonesia	December 24, 1950	December 24, 1950	—	—	—
Italy	June 13, 1987	—	June 13, 1987	August 13, 1987	—
Kyrgyzstan	March 17, 2003	—	March 17, 2003	March 17, 2003	December 23, 2003
Liechtenstein	July 14, 1933	January 28, 1951	August 1, 1984	September 27, 1975	December 23, 2003 ⁹
Luxembourg ⁶	April 1, 1979	—	August 1, 1984	May 28, 1979	—
Monaco	April 29, 1956	April 29, 1956	August 1, 1984	September 27, 1975	—
Mongolia	April 12, 1997	—	April 12, 1997	April 12, 1997	—
Morocco	October 20, 1930	January 21, 1941	October 13, 1999	October 13, 1999	—
Netherlands ^{5,6}	April 1, 1979	—	August 1, 1984 ¹⁰	May 28, 1979 ¹⁰	—
Republic of Moldova	March 14, 1994	—	March 14, 1994	March 14, 1994	December 23, 2003 ¹¹
Romania	July 18, 1992	—	July 18, 1992	July 18, 1992	December 23, 2003
Senegal	June 30, 1984	June 30, 1984	August 1, 1984	June 30, 1984	—
Serbia and Montenegro	December 30, 1993	—	December 30, 1993	December 30, 1993	—
Slovenia	January 13, 1995	—	January 13, 1995	January 13, 1995	December 23, 2003
Spain	June 1, 1928	March 2, 1956	—	—	December 23, 2003 ¹²
Suriname	November 25, 1975	November 25, 1975	August 1, 1984	February 23, 1977	—
Switzerland	June 1, 1928	November 24, 1939	August 1, 1984	September 27, 1975	December 23, 2003
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	March 18, 1997	—	March 18, 1997	March 18, 1997	—
Tunisia	October 20, 1930	October 4, 1942	—	—	—
Ukraine	August 28, 2002	—	August 28, 2002	August 28, 2002	December 23, 2003
(Total: 36 States)	(36)	(16)	(29)	(29)	(11)

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(continued)

¹ The Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs was adopted on July 2, 1999. The Geneva Act will enter into force on December 23, 2003.

² The Protocol to the Hague Act (1960) is not yet in force. It has been ratified by or acceded to by the following States: Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, Switzerland.

³ The Additional Act of Monaco (1961) is in force in respect of the following States as from the dates indicated: France (December 1, 1962), Germany (December 1, 1962), Liechtenstein (July 9, 1966), Monaco (September 14, 1963), Netherlands (as far as the Netherlands Antilles is concerned) (September 14, 1963), Spain (August 31, 1969), Suriname (November 25, 1975) and Switzerland (December 21, 1962). See also footnote 5.

⁴ The Protocol of Geneva (1975), in accordance with Article 11(2)(a) thereof, ceased to have effect as of August 1, 1984; however, as provided by Article 11(2)(b), States bound by the Protocol (Belgium (as from April 1, 1979), France (as from February 18, 1980), Germany (as from December 26, 1981), Hungary (as from April 7, 1984), Liechtenstein (as from April 1, 1979), Luxembourg (as from April 1, 1979), Monaco (as from March 5, 1981), Netherlands (as from April 1, 1979), Senegal (as from June 30, 1984), Suriname (as from April 1, 1979) and Switzerland (as from April 1, 1979)) are not relieved of their obligations thereunder in respect of industrial designs whose date of international deposit is prior to August 1, 1984.

⁵ Belgium had withdrawn from the Hague Union with effect from January 1, 1975. The Netherlands had denounced, in respect of the Kingdom in Europe and with effect from January 1, 1975, the Hague Agreement (1925) and the subsequent Acts to which the Netherlands had adhered, specifying that the said Agreement and Acts – London Act (1934) and Additional Act of Monaco (1961) – would remain in force in respect of the Netherlands Antilles and Suriname. As a result of their ratification of the Protocol of Geneva (1975) and its entry into force on April 1, 1979, Belgium and the Netherlands became, again, as from that date, members of the Hague Union.

⁶ The territories in Europe of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands are, for the application of the Hague Agreement, to be deemed a single country.

⁷ Including all Overseas Departments and Territories.

⁸ With the declaration that Hungary does not consider itself bound by the Protocol annexed to the Hague Act (1960).

⁹ With the declaration, in accordance with Article 30(1) of the Geneva Act, that, under Article 17(3)(c) of the said Act, the maximum duration of protection provided for by the law of the Principality of Liechtenstein is 25 years.

¹⁰ Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe.

¹¹ With the declaration, in accordance with Article 30(1) of the Geneva Act, that, under Article 7(2) of the said Act, the prescribed designation fee referred to in Article 7(1) of the said Act shall be replaced by an individual designation fee.

¹² With the declaration, in accordance with Rule 18(1)(b) of the Regulations under the Geneva Act, that the prescribed period of six months for the notification of refusal of the effects of an international registration shall be replaced by a period of 12 months; and with the declaration, under Rule 18(1)(c)(i) of the Regulations under the said Act, that the international registration shall produce the effect referred to in Article 14(2)(a) of the Geneva Act at the latest six months after the date referred to in that Article.